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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**PRINCETON MAN SENTENCED TO 21 YEARS FOR  
FEDERAL CRACK COCAINE CONVICTION**

**PRESS RELEASE**

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that EVERETT D. HARDIN, 34, of Princeton, Indiana, was sentenced to 21 years and ten months imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge Richard L. Young following his guilty plea to possession of more than fifty grams of "crack" cocaine with the intent to distribute it. This case was the result of an investigation by the Indiana State Police, the Gibson County Sheriff's Department and the United States Drug Enforcement Administration.

During the investigation, law enforcement learned that Hardin was selling crack from his residence in the 300 block of Pinkney. At the time of his arrest, Hardin was in possession of

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\$2,500 in cash, a .25 caliber handgun with an obliterated serial number, crack cocaine, powder cocaine and marijuana.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Matthew P. Brookman, who prosecuted the case for the government, Hardin was found to be a career offender which under the United States sentencing guidelines results in a stiff sentence. Judge Young also imposed 10 years supervised release following HARDIN's imprisonment.

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